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SUBJECT: COCOM BILATERAL WITH UK

1. UK EMBASSY TODAY RAISED QUESTION OF TIMING OF TALKS ON COCOM FOLLOWING UP ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMSTRONG'S DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON IN JUNE. BRITISH SUGGESTION WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 IN WASHINGTON WITH UK SIDE INCLUDING PETER PRESTON, HUGH BRADEN, PETER MARSHALL, AND ROBERT ALLSTON.

2. WE SAID TIMING SEEMED SATISFACTORY, REAFFIRMING THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE OF BROAD CHARACTER.

3. EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE SAID WHILE INQUIRY FROM LONDON ON BILATERAL TALKS CAME PRIOR TO US ANSWER ON SPEY ENGINE CASE, EMBASSY BELIEVED LATTER DID NOT AFFECT BRITISH INTEREST IN THE MORE GENERAL COCOM TALKS. ROGERS

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